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SUBJECT: GREEK PRESS STORY ON VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW' S

REMARKS ABOUT YUGOSLAVIA

1. IN COURSE OF EMBOFF' S CALL REGARDING TANJUG BULLETIN
REPEAT OF MALICIOUS " LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF SVN" STORY
(BELGRADE 1618) GRUBOR (FSFA- US DESK) NOTED AS EXAMPLE
OF " SOMETHING ONE SIDE OR OTHER CAN COMPLAIN ABOUT IN
EVERY DAY' S PRESS" ITEM FROM ATHENS RED TANJUG BULLETIN
(PRIMARILY INTENDED FOR YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS) HAD STORY DATED
APRIL 14 FROM ATHENS PRESS (NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED) WHICH
QUOTED VP AGNEW AS SAYING RECENTLY IN SPEECH AT A UNIVERSITY IN
IOWA:

" LET ME COMPARE OUR POSITION TOWARD GREECE WITH OUR POSITION
TOWARD YUGOSLAVIA, IN WHICH A REGIME OF PRESSURE HAS LONG
BEEN IN CONTROL. THE REGIME IN QUESTION IS LEFT WING. PRESIDENT
TITO SEIZED POWER UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WERE NOT COMPLETELY
DEMOCRATIC. I THINK A MAJORITY AGREES WITH US IN THAT. NOW,
LET US SEE WHAT THE US HAD DONE WITH REGARD TO THESE COUNTRIES,
OF WHICH ONE IS RIGHT WING AND THE OTHER LEFT WING. WE HAVE
GIVEN YUGOSLAVIA GREATER ECONOMIC AID THAN TO GREECE. YUGO-
SLAVIA IS CONTINUALLY LINING UP WITH THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES
OF THE WARSAW PACT IN VOTING AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE
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US IN THE UNITED NATIONS. ON THE OTHER SIDE, GREECE HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE INTERESTS OF THE US IN THE UNITED NATIONS".

2. ABOVE TRANSLATION IS FROM SERBO- CROATIAN, PRESUMABLY TAKEN FROM GREEK. IN VIEW GOY INTEREST, WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO HAVE FULL TEXT OF THESE PARTS OF OF ANY REMAKRS VICE PRESIDENT MAY HAVE MADE ABOUT YUGOSLAVIA SIMILAR TO QUOTATION ABOVE. JOHNSON

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